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Title: Need to issue ordinance for reservation of Seats for Limboo and Tamang tribes in Sikkim.

KUMARI AGATHA K. SANGMA (TURA): Thank you, Sir, for giving me an opportunity to speak.

Sir, I would like to inform this august House that the tribal communities of Sikkim namely, Limboo and Tamang were granted Scheduled Tribe status as early in the year 2003. Yet, both these tribes have been deprived of the benefit of reservation of Scheduled Tribe seats in the State Assembly elections due to gross mistake in the Representative of the People Act, 1950. In the 2004 General Elections and the State Assembly Election, these two tribes did not get the benefit of Scheduled Tribe reservation.

The State Legislative Assembly had passed a Resolution No. 10 titled 'Resolution on the reservation of seats for the newly added Scheduled Tribes (Limboos and Tamangs) in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly' on 23rd December, 2008 proposing reservation of seats for Limboo and Tamang tribes by providing an amendment in Section 7(IA) of the Representative of People Act, 1950. But the Representative of the People Act, 1950 has not been amended till date to include these two tribes so that reservation would be provided to them in the coming elections.

Sir, I would like to impress upon the Government that as there is not much time left for the General Election, it would be absolutely necessary that the Government may issue a necessary Ordinance for reservation of seats for Limboo and Tamang tribes immediately so that these two tribes will not be deprived of their fundamental rights.